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CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS.

The following corporations have accepted the invitation of the Association to become Corporate Members: The American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 195 Broadway, New York City; The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

At the Annual Meeting in Richmond the Association amended the Constitution so as to provide for a class of corporate members with annual dues of \$100.00.

The importance of statistical work during the war and the need revealed for new and more adequate sources of statistical information emphasized the possibilities of the American Statistical Association for the future. The rapid development of new fields of statistical work among business and private organizations showed the enlarged scope for such a Scientific Association's activities.

For increasing the usefulness of our publications and promoting the effectiveness of our Committee organization, in order to make the Association an influence in the development of statistics, more funds are urgently needed. Additional funds devoted to the above purposes will benefit business and other corporate organizations which are making increasing use of statistical methods and establishing large staffs of statistical and research experts. The Association, therefore, feels justified in asking corporations to support the scientific and practical activities which the Association expects to undertake in the future.

Members are urged to make suggestions to the Membership Committee or to the Secretary's Office concerning possible corporate members and how they may be interested in the activities of the Association. These corporations are not limited to business.

The following form letter and statement concerning the Association, to be sent to the proper officials of the corporation, have been approved by the Board of Directors for use in securing corporate members:

Dear Sir:

An invitation is hereby extended to your organization to become a corporate member of the American Statistical Association. You will find enclosed a statement regarding the Association's past record, its present achievement and its future possibilities.

The war proved conclusively the necessity for reliable statistics not only of industry but of every phase of the nation's life. The present industrial era with its foreign trade possibilities creates a constantly increasing demand for reliable data.

Under the broader financial program possible with the support of corporate members, the Association can render a real service to business interests of the country. There would seem to be no real reason why figures regarding the volume of general business, especially manufacturing, should not be compiled as frequently and with as great care as figures now collected with reference to agriculture and mining.

Dues of corporate members are \$100 per year. Checks should be made payable to the American Statistical Association and mailed to Professor Robert E. Chaddock, Secretary and Treasurer, American Statistical Association, Kent Hall, Columbia University, New York.

Trusting that the Association may have your valued membership and support, I remain

Yours very truly,

Vice President,
Chairman Membership Committee.

Accompanying the letter is the following statement concerning the Association:

PAST.

The American Statistical Association is one of the oldest scientific associations in America, having been organized in Boston in 1839. At that time there were no professional statisticians. The output of statistics was almost negligible. The present high rank of the State of Massachusetts in statistical work is largely due to the efforts of these pioneers. In national problems the officers and members of the Association have had a most important

part, particularly in every kind of public bureau interested in the collection and analysis of statistical data. Members of the Association have directed the work of the Federal censuses for the last fifty years.

PRESENT.

Recent activity of the Association in the broader field of statistics, such as statistics of industry, the internal statistics of corporations, etc., has increased the membership rapidly. A widespread distribution of the 850 members proves the real interest in the science of statistics, for many of these members can never attend a meeting of the Association. The publications of the Association have been issued regularly for thirty years. More good papers are available than it is possible to print with the present income of the Association.

FUTURE.

The members of the Association have given a vast amount of time to advisory work for Federal, State and Municipal bodies. College professors in the field of statistics particularly deserve the thanks of the whole nation for their untiring efforts. It is hoped that the broader scope of the Association on a less restricted financial basis will permit paid secretarial service for the use of the committees and for the improvement of the publications. When men who have devoted their lives to research and teaching are willing to give their time to committee work and editorial work, it would seem that the public and, more particularly, the corporations who benefit from the results of the labor, should bear a share of the expenses actually involved.

The comprehensive census of manufactures taken by the Government every five years is of comparatively little use to business in the United States. Preparation and publication of the elaborate report requires about two years. In their respective fields the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Mines have shown what can be done to furnish valuable data promptly. The American Statistical Association hoped to secure legislation by which the United States Census office may collect and analyze data regarding the continually increasing output of manufacturing plants of the United States. It would not be difficult to secure for key industries figures giving the number of units of output. Totals expressed in units of quantity would be more significant and probably more reliable than figures expressing values only. The matter has been actively taken up with the officials of the Department of Commerce and of the Bureau of the Census. All those thus far approached have expressed themselves as generally in favor of the plan. It rests with the business men of the United States to act together to secure the necessary legislation.

The executive officers of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America have been authorized by vote of the Executive Board to present this matter to the Bureau of the Census. It is expected that other influential organizations will also take an active part in this campaign.